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SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.

VASHINGTON, March 5.—Forecast for body and Monday, irginia—Cloudy Sunday and Monday, irginia—Cloudy Sunday and Monday, the rain and slowly rising temperature; she east to southeast winds. orli) Carolina—Ethin and warmer Sunda, blooday rain; fresh northeast winds, outh Carolina—Rain and warmer Sun-Rain Monday; brisk northeast winds ine coast.



MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Richmond.

North Carolina.

mission to order it; it further clams that the station is not needed—Joe Bittle taken from Raleigh to Tarboro, for trial, and the sheriff takes extra precautions to prevent lynching—A private letter from Mrs. Russell states that her husband, ex-Governor Russell, is in a critical state—Much new building reported from Salkoury from Sallsbury.

General.

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Opinion expressed in London that England. France and the United States will be drawn into the war in the For East; Japan makes strong reply to Russia's communication to the powers—President Joseph F. Smith. of the Mormon Church, becomes angered at the continued podding, and makes further admissions of violations of the law—Senator Martin makes carnest pica for a larger navy, taking part in a breezy discussion over our relations to the war in the For East—Conference between coal minors and operators closes without an agreement, and a strike seems imminent—One man killed and twenty-one injured by explosion near Pattsburg—Desith in Florida of Rev. J. C. Porter—New York Democrats its time for State convention, and the endorsement of a candidate for President is avoided—"Lord" Barrington found guilty of murder in the first degree at St. Louis—Six men growned and four others injured as result of collinose of bridge scanning Yellow Creek, in Olio—Ex-Governor Russell, of North Carolina, reported much better at Baltimore hospital—Criminal branch of the Court of Cessation grants appeal of Dreytus for a revision of his trial—Congressman Lamb, not pleased with any of road bills yow ponding, will prepare one himself—Picial Murshall Count Von Weldersen dean—Picial Murshall Count Von Weldersen dean—Conmissioner Roiner in Washington securing expert lecturers for farmers institutes—Aged Confederate commits and hospital—Presser lecturers for farmers institutes—Aged Confederate commits and how for the court of the Court of

FATAL SHOOTING ON PASSENGER TRAIN

(By Associated Press.) GAINESVILE, FLA. March 5.—L. J. Chasels shot Joseph Williamson through the lungs this morning on a passenger train between Citia and Gainesville. When they met on the train bitter words passed between them on account of a woman to whom both were paying attention, Cassels is said to have made a remark derregatory to her character, which Williamson resented and Cassels shot him intended to the Williamson, will probably die.

Speak to Jewelers.

(By Associated Press.)

PROVIDENCE, R. 1., March 5.—George Boat Club Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Boat Club will be held on Tuesday evening next at \$250 o'clock at the home of the principal speakers at the banquet of the New England Jewelers' and Silver-will be discussed. Light refreshments were given the closest attention.

RICHMOND VA., SUNDAY MARCH, 6, 1904.

COAL STRIKE

IS IMMINENT

Mine-Workers of the Centra District Decline to Accept · Proffered Scale. LEADERS URGE ACCEPTANCE

petitive district adjourned to-day withou

A BULLET **THROUGH** HIS HEART

J. E. Baker Deliberately Takes His Own Life.

THE MAN WAS ILL OF PNEUMONIA

Had Sent His Daughter to Purchase the Deadly Weapon for Protection.

NO HINT WAS GIVEN OF HIS INTENTION

Baker Had Asked a Friend Who Visited Him to Locate His Heart, and Later Made a Pretext for Asking the Man to Go-Then

Wanted to Find His Heart.

Later in the afternoon or early in the vening, a friend named Coleman, called o see Baker, and according to the state

Child Heard Fatal Shot.

Baker. Another physician had been attending him, but no reason is known for the change of physicians. When Dr. Labenberg responded to the call he went up to the sick man's room, accompanied by Mrs. Baker. As soon as the door was opened the room was found filled with smoke, and it took scarce a moment to comprehend the situation. Baker lay in bed, where he had been ill for several days, one arm thrown across his breast, and his night robe burning in a circle around the deadly wound, which was in the left breast near the ripple. The sleeve of the shift where it reached the vicinity of the wound had also ignited. All this showed how close the muzzle of the revolver must have been to the body.

Weapon Under His Pillow.

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The revolver was found under the pillow and with an empty chamber, the weapon still warm from the shot. As quick death must have resulted from the wound, this was thought to be an inexpileable circumstance, not wholly consistent with the suicide theory. Inquiry of Coroner Taylor, however, elicited the statement that it was not only possible for a man with a deadly wound to be conscious and capable of this much muscular exertion, but that it was frequently the case that a man walked or ran some distance after receiving just such a wound.

wound.

Baker was well known about town, and had many frierds. He had long been in business on Franklin Street, and was gererally known in that vicinity. A man of forty years of age, he was married, and left, besides his wife, six children, all young. The eldest was about fourteen.

Inquest Unnecessary. Inquest Unnecessary.

Sergeant Werner and Coroner Taylor both went to the scene and made examination and inquiry into the death. They both became convinced that the fatality was clearly and indisputably a case of suicide, and that there was no occasion for an inquest to determine that fact. Baker was a man of small means, and so far as known lived happily with his family.

The weapon used was a 38-calibre iver-Johnson.

GREAT WORLD WAR WITH FIVE NATIONS INVOLVED



JAPANESE INFANTRY SCOUTING

the Russian Cause.

JAPAN'S NOTE JUSTIFIES

Russia Will Make No Move Until She Has Accumulated an Army Sufficient to Crush the Islanders in a Dccisive Battle-Her Forces.

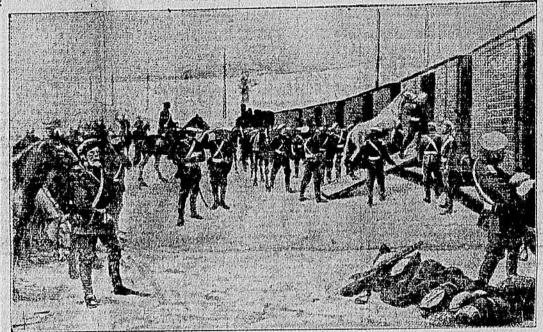
Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.

LONDON, March 5 .- A worldwide war ing of terror among the money n Lombard Street. Only the most generalship prevented another pa greater than that recorded two

France Likely to Espouse

COURSE AT CHEMULPO

Paris is the very heart of the situatio



ENTRAINING RUSSIAN CAVALRY FOR THE FAR EAST.

GOT HELP HERE THROUGH LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

"Dear Friend and Statesman

that would give to the starving man in a distant city the bread he asked. The President's private secretary, Mr. Loeb, wrote to Postmaster Wray T. Knight and directed that the matter be looked

Lombard Street Registers Feel-

mometer that marks the changes in feeling in Great Britain, and nothing could
be more alarmingly significant than the
condition existing in London's financial
world at this time. A great financial
panic is imminent, and it hangs only
upon the continuance of the conservative
factor in power in Paris.

Just what position the United States
will occupy in this great conflict of the
powers is occupying no little part of the
attention of the diplomats of the old
world at this time. Russia has always
counted upon the United States as a
friend, while Great Britain looks to the
United States as a natural blood ally.

Russia's Need of France. Russia's Need of France.

Russia needs France, and has already sounded that country diplomatically, learning that a few changes in the Cabinet are necessary before hope of support can be expected. These changes are likely to be made at any momnt, however.

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Russia needs a new navy, and will look to France to supply it. She needs a chain of coaling stations from the Balte to the Yellow Sea, and France has these. The great army being massed by Russia is useless unless great sections of it can be transported by water, together with the enormous amount of supplies needed. With her own navy crippled and useless, Russia must have the aid of France's great fleet to guard her transports. Franca will be willing to lend her navy for this purpose very seen.

Combes Cabinet Weak.

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It is known in Paris that the Combes
Cabinet cannot retain control of the
Chamber of Deputies much longer. The
Combes Cabinet has heretofore been the
only assurance of French neutralty, but
its power is waning. It is known that
it is cent by international dissensions and
may be dissolved at any time.

JAPAN MAKES DEFENSE.

Justifies Her Action in Everything in Note to the Powers.

(By Associated Press.)
TOKIO, March 5.—Japan addressed a note to the Powers to-day in response to the recent communication from Russia. The note has not been published here, and its contents are unknown. Russia's various communications to the Powers.

AMERICA, **ENGLAND** AND JAPAN

CouldProtectChina From Dismemberment.

A STATEMENT **OBJECTED TO**

Mr. Hale Reminds Mr. Nelson, That the United States Is Neutral.

A' GREATER NAVY STRONGLY DISCUSSED

Mr. Martin, of Virginia, Makes a Strong Speech in Support of the Naval Appropriation Bill. He! Thinks There Is a Strong Doubt of International Morality.

Clay in Opposition.

Martin Champions Navy.

crease of the navy as proposed by the bill. "We must have a strong navy" he said, and he instanced the recent expansion of the United States as turnishing the reason for this necessity. He referred to the possibility of France and Great Britain being drawn into the Oriental war because of the irrespective alliances with Russia and Japan, and while he did not believe that the United State would be involved in the imbrelie he did not consider it the part of wisdom to he unprepared.

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Mr. Depew said that the Georgia senator could not separate the ex-secretary from the Republican party on the Philippine question, as would be found when Mr. Root's full views were known, The American peoplo are not quitters, he said, but they hold on. He did not believe that any one living would see our relations with the Filipine diminished.

Mr. Nelson referred to our mayat influence in the East, saying that with this country. Great Britain and Japan all united in support of an open door in China, there was no danger of the dimemberment of China, All, too, were hostile to the absorption of Manchuria. He did not believe that there was my formal alliance, only mutuality of insterest.

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Mr. Hale protested that this debate was extraneous. "I don't want the statement of the senator from Minnesota to go unchallenged. I do not agree that there is to-day any such common interest botween the United States. Oreat Britain and Japan, on the one side, against Russis. France and other powers, as his statement implies. Our attitude is one of neutrality, and so declared by our State Department.

"We are not against Japan, nor must it be said that all our interests are with her and against Russia and other continental European powers." He said that if Japan should be successful in her present war, the United States would find herself in more danger in commercial matters from that ambitious power than any other.

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Mr. Gorman criticised Mr. Moody as Imprudent in charging the Democratic party with partisanship because of his (Air. Gorman's) attitude on the navy He had spoken for himself in saying the administration was advancing too rapidly and had gone too far in the increase of the navy "Fixecutive officers," said Mr. Gorman, slowly and with deliberate sur-

SOLITA CARACTA

PRIEST LOSES LIFE IN CHURCH FIRE

Cluded," he answered.

Both Mr. Robbins and President
Mitchell refused to say whether there had
been any talk of a renewal of negotiations.

Rev. Father Ernest and Two Domestics Burned in Destruction of St. Patrick's Church.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 6.—One priest and two servants were killed and two other priests were severely injured at a fire which destroyed 8: Patrick's Roman Catholic Church and the adjoining rectory in Long Island City to-day. Those killed were Rev. Father Ernest and Mary and Margaret Brady, domestics, Those injured are Rev Father Kearney, abrasions of face, hands and left hip, and Rev. Father Hennigan, shock and contusions. The money loss by the fire was estimated at \$35,000. The cause is unknown. Father Ernest is believed to have lost his, life while trying to sive the two women, who slept in the third story.

FOUR-MILE CHURCH IN COURT OF CLAIMS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—Representative Lamb has succeeded in having the Committee on War Claims refer to the Court of Claims for adjudication four claims which he sought to have adjusted by bills introduced at this session. One of the claims is that of the Four Mile Creek Baptist Church, of Henrico county.

Boat Club Meeting.

BRIDGE GOES DOWN; SIX LIVES LOST

Structure Weakened by Cloud-Burst Gives Way Under Heavy Weight of Two Locomotives.

(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, O., March 5.-Six men were drowned and four others injured as a result of the collapse of a bridge spanning Yellow Creek, near Irondale, on the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad to-day. The men were on two locomotives that attempted to cross the bridge together. Most of them lived at Wellsville, Ohio. Of the eleven men making up the crew of the two engines, all went down except one man, left at one end of the bridge as a flagman. The bridge had been weakened by a cloudburst to courred Thursday. The engines hauled out two worktrains and were turring to Wellswille for water when accident occurred.

HAY RESOLUTION WILL BE REPORTED (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads manimously agreed to-day to report the Hay resolution, calant for information relative to the use of "influence" by members of the House in behalf of increases in salaries of postmasters, in-creases of clerk hire, etc., to the House with the recommendation that it "lay on the table." The resolutions will be accompanied by confidential exhibits in the Bristow report of the postal investi-gation. This will be printed and made public. orenses in salaries of postmasters, in

IT SHOOK WINDOWS FOR TWENTY MILES

Terrific Explosion Near . Pittsburg, in Which One Man Was Killed and Many Injured.

(By Associated Press.)

LATROBE, PA., March 5.—As the result of an explosion of powder and dynamite at the magazine of the H. S. Kerbaugh Company, at Head's Hill, near here, one man, Patrick Quiniand was killed and twenty-one others were injured. Jack Quibbs, who was in his none half a mile from the scene of the explosion, was so hadly hurt by his house being carried from its foundation, that he will die. Houses within a radius of a mile were toppied from their foundations and window glass in houses twenty miles distant were broken.

AGAIN ARRESTED FOR COUNTERFEITING

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BLUEFFELD, W. VA., March 5.—W. F. Hendricks, the former Bristoi, Tenn., sation-likeper, is in juit at Welch, having been unable to secure bond in the sum of \$2.50 for his appearance before the United \$1.4tes grand Jury, which convenes in the selvy in May next. He was tried here several days ago on the charge of circulating counterfelt gold columnated by secretary of the was arrested last night by secretary ite detectives on the same charge with the above results.

Hendricks will probably be released our bond as soon as he can communicate with these of his kinsmen who are wealthy, of whom he is said to have quite a number in various sections in Southwest Virginia.

COUNT VON WALDERSEE DIES AT HANOVER

(By Associated Press.)
HANOVER, PRUSSIA, March 5.—Field
Marshal Count Von Waldersee died
shortly after 8 o'clock this evening.

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